

REMARKS

Claims 21-28, 51, 52 and 61-70 are pending by this amendment, of which claims 21, 22, 27, 28, 50, 51 and 53 have been amended herein and new claims 61-70 have been added. Claims 1-20, 29-50 and 53-60 have been cancelled.

Claims 21-28 51 and 52, as amended herein, have been indicated as being allowable in an Advisory Office Action dated July 26, 2004. Claim 51 has been amended to correct grammatical errors, as suggested in the Advisory Action. Notification of the Allowance of claims 21-28 51 and 52 is respectfully requested.

New claims 61-70 have been added by this amendment. Allowance of these new claims is respectfully requested since the art of record fails to teach or suggest the implantation system recited in such claims.

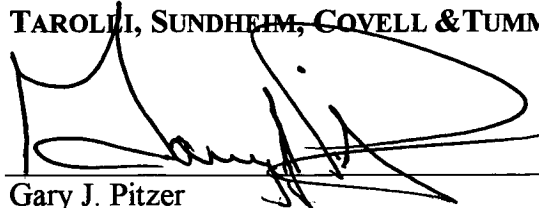
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to call the undersigned if a telephone interview would be helpful to prosecution of this matter.

No additional fees should be due for this amendment and Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith. In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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